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Wall Street Journal: "SEC Probes Canceled Trades ... Regulators are scrutinizing what some in the stock market are calling "quote stuffing," trading in which unusually large numbers of orders to buy or sell stocks are placed in a fraction of a second, only to be canceled almost immediately."

Wall Street Journal: "Summer of Economic Discontent ... The Obama administration's "summer of recovery" has morphed into a summer of economic discontent amid anxiety over the weakening economy. The greater than 4% growth and less than 8% unemployment envisioned by the president's economic team are nowhere to be seen. Almost everything that is supposed to be up-the economic growth rate, the stock market, bond yields-is down. And almost everything that is supposed to be down-unemployment-insurance claims, new mortgage delinquencies-is up."

Wall Street Journal: "The Dodd-Frank Act: Creative Destruction, Destroyed ... The dominant theme of the 2,300-page Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act is fear of instability and change, which the act suppresses by subjecting the largest financial firms to banklike regulation."

Washington Post: "Bernanke: U.S. regulators fell short before financial crisis ... U.S. regulators fell short in using their powers "forcefully or effectively" to stop risky practices by banks and were "slow to identify and address abuses" in subprime mortgage lending before the

financial crisis, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben S. Bernanke said in prepared remarks."

Washington Post: "Elizabeth Warren fuels speculation by dropping Harvard class ... When fall classes began Wednesday at Harvard Law School, Elizabeth Warren was scheduled to be teaching contract law to first-year students. But something happened on the way to the chalkboard."

NY Times: "Wall Street Wanders as Traders Sort Through Data ... Indexes on Wall Street were tentative Thursday, with a small dip in weekly unemployment claims failing to generate any momentum."

NY Times: "Financial Crisis Panel Lends Sympathetic Ear to Lehman's Ex-Chief ... In the nearly two years since Lehman Brothers filed for bankruptcy, its former chief executive, Richard S. Fuld Jr., has often seemed a tragic and solitary figure, telling anyone who would listen that the investment bank could have survived if only it had had more time - and received a bailout like the government gave other Wall Street banks."

LA Times: "Ex-Lehman CEO blames government for firm's collapse ... The former chief executive of Lehman Bros. came out swinging at federal officials Wednesday, blaming them for failing to give the beleaguered investment banking firm the extraordinary help it gave to its rivals - aid that would have saved it from the 2008 collapse that helped trigger the worldwide financial crisis."

USA Today: "Bernanke: Shut down banks if they threaten system ... Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke on Thursday told a panel investigating the financial crisis that regulators must be ready to shut down the largest companies if they threaten to bring down the financial system."

Politico: "Ben Bernanke defends bailout ... Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke says the 2008 bank bailout worked, re-iterating a long-held contention that federal action averted a much greater crisis for the U.S. economy."

